## Multi-Agency Crime Blitz Results in Mass Arrests — North Wilmington and New Castle

North Wilmington and New Castle — A multi-agency operation conducted on Thursday, October 22, 2020, at targeted locations in the North Wilmington, Claymont, and New Castle areas has resulted in the arrests of 57 individuals on criminal charges.

The crime blitz focused on the Philadelphia Pike, Governor Printz Blvd, Lancaster Avenue, Lea Blvd, and DuPont Highway corridors as well as the greater Claymont and New Castle vicinities. The operation was conducted in these areas to target criminal activity and to address ongoing quality of life issues.

This initiative was a collaborative effort between the Delaware State Police, Wilmington Police Department, New Castle County Police Department, Newport Police Department, Newark Police Department, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Probation and Parole, Department of Corrections, and Justice of the Peace Court 11.

During the eight-hour enforcement blitz, police arrested 57 individuals for either a criminal charge or outstanding capias resulting in the clearance of 67 active warrants. There were a total of 164 traffic and 47 criminal arrests made, as well as three DUI arrests.

Seized during the operation were 3 firearms, approximately 5.145 grams of Heroin (735 baggies), approximately 488 grams of marijuana, approximately 16.1 grams of crack cocaine, approximately 718.24 grams of K2, one Motor Vehicle Seizure (2014 Toyota Camry) and drug paraphernalia.

There were several noteworthy investigations. For example, Troopers stopped a subject for a tinted windows violation on Rogers Road. A consent search was obtained and a 9MM Smith and Wesson was located under the passenger seat. The firearm was reported stolen in Maryland. Defendant was charged with two counts of Person Prohibited, Receiving a Stolen Firearm and Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon. In an additional case, Troopers stopped a motor vehicle for traffic violations and the operator had three active capiases in addition to a suspended license. He was placed into custody for the outstanding warrants and a vehicle search was conducted on his Troopers recovered 53 bags of K2 with a weight of approximately 718.24 grams, 735 Heroin bags for a total weight of approximately 5.145 grams and approximately .44 grams of Defendant was charged with two felonies and Methamphetamine. four misdemeanors for the illegal narcotics. Defendant is a probationer who had two active Violation of Probation capiases.

This combined effort highlights how the cooperation of multiple law enforcement agencies combat crime which in turn increases quality of life for the communities we serve.

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